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Mr. Blair's New Position

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Sir Wilfred in Hot Water Over the Aspirations of Rival Candidates.

British Columbia Cases Before Supreme Court—Sandberg vs. Ferguson Dismissed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Sir Wilfred Laurier's offer to run in the next election has been mentioned as the agent of the Liberal party who went to see Judge Parker at Esopus to secure campaign funds, admits that he went to Esopus, but that it was purely a pleasure trip. His call on Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate, was a social one.

Mr. F. Davis, of Ottawa, whose name has been mentioned as the agent of the Liberal party who went to see Judge Parker at Esopus to secure campaign funds, admits that he went to Esopus, but that it was purely a pleasure trip. His call on Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate, was a social one.

Mr. Blair will shortly take up his permanent residence in Montreal, where he intends to open a law office. It is understood that he has been offered and has accepted a solicitorship connected with David Russell's many financial investments at a princely salary and for a fixed term of years. David Russell is one of the successful business men in Canada. He has large financial interests throughout the Dominion. He is one of the principal stockholders in the Esopus Flouring Company, Lake of the Woods Milling Company, His Majesty's theatre at Montreal, newspapers in St. John, Montreal and elsewhere, Grand Hotel Company, of Caledonia Springs, and other enterprises. Russell's investments are so many that he desires some one to give closer supervision to them than he can do, and, therefore, has called Mr. Blair to his aid. The banquet which he gave Attorney-General Pugsley cost Mr. Russell \$10,000 if it cost him a cent. It was a grand affair, and behind it is a very interesting story that will be told this morning.

Sir Wilfred Laurier left for Montreal this morning.

The Supreme court today dismissed the British Columbia appeal of Sandberg vs. Ferguson without calling upon counsel for respondent to argue. Mr. Taylor for appellant; Mr. Davis for respondent.

Spencer vs. Alaska Packers' Association is being argued. Peters for appellant; Bodwell for respondents.

TWO ASPHYXIATED.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Frederick Sohorn, 78 years old, and his daughter, Cecilia, 30 years old, have been found dead at their home from gas asphyxiation. A rubber hose attached to a gas stove was found detached.

Assizes Opened At Vancouver

Mr Justice Duff Expresses Regret at Large Number of Cases to Be Tried.

Aulay Morrison Takes Oath of Office—Hold-Up Suspect is Released.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 24.—The criminal court of assize opened today in Vancouver, Justice Duff presiding. The conspiracy case in which the Employers' Association is charged with conspiring to restrain trade was adjourned pending Justice Duff's decision in the civil case for damages against the same association. The jury in the former case found there was no conspiracy, but Justice Duff has not yet given effect to the finding of the jury.

In addressing the grand jury, Justice Duff said he could not congratulate them, as there were fifteen cases to be tried. The first case taken up and now in progress is one of seduction against a Texada island logger, named Belding.

Aulay Morrison, of New Westminster, today took the oath of office of the Supreme court of British Columbia in the presence of Registrar Beck, Justice Duff presiding.

Hy Officers, arrested as an accomplice of the train robbery, having proved an alibi, was liberated here today.

SHARPSHOOTERS AT WORK.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin dated October 23rd: "The night of October 22-23 passed quietly. At 9 o'clock this (Sunday) morning the whole of our volunteer sharpshooters harassed the enemy, while the Japanese tried to attack our outposts, but were everywhere repulsed by the Russian fire."

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BRITAIN ANGERED AT ASTOUNDING OUTRAGE

The Government is Demanding Immediate Explanation and Apology for Baltic Fleet's Inexplicable Attack Upon North Sea Fishermen.

THE SIGNIFICANT WORDS OF KING EDWARD

His Majesty Sends Message of Condolence to the Mayor of Hull and Characterizes Incident as "Unwarrantable" ---Demonstration Against Ambassador.

London, Oct. 24.—There was a hostile demonstration at Victoria station tonight on the arrival of Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain. A crowd gathered and hooted him and attempted to break the windows of his carriage.

KING'S SIGNIFICANT MESSAGE

London, Oct. 24.—The text of the King's message to the mayor of Hull was as follows:

"His Worship the Mayor of Hull: "The King commands me to say that he has heard with profound sorrow the unwarrantable action which has been committed against the North sea fishing fleet, and asks you to express the deepest sympathy of the Queen and His Majesty with the families of those who have suffered from this most lamentable occurrence."

WILL NOT BROOK DELAY

London, Oct. 24.—Great Britain today sent a long and urgent note to the Russian government, officially detailing the circumstances of the amazing and unexplained attack by the Russian Pacific squadron during the night of October 21st on British fishing boats in the North Sea. The contents of the note have not been given, but it is officially stated from the foreign office that it contains the significant announcement that "the situation is one which, in the opinion of His Majesty's government, does not brook delay."

RESENTMENT IN BRITAIN

London, Oct. 24.—The Conservative politicians and press are remarkably un-demonstrative. As usual the young element demands war, and even in official circles some go so far as to say that it may be necessary to stop the Pacific squadron pending a settlement set by Russia to her apology and extreme measures, it is expected, will not be necessary. Everywhere there is the expression that it is no time for the usual diplomatic dilly-dallying, that there should be no delay and no equivocal expressions of regret. The day of Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, necessarily caused some delay, but the Russian charge d'affaires, who called at the foreign office on request by a note from Lord Lansdowne, unofficially expressed deep regret and was as far as it was possible for him to go, gave assurance of speedy action by the Russian government.

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British Fleet Active.

St. John's, N. F., Oct. 24.—The British cruiser Charybdis, Commander Paget, received orders to-night to be in readiness to proceed to England on a moment's notice. The training ship Calypso has been ordered to arrange for the mobilization of 500 men of the Newfoundland naval reserves. There is much excitement in naval circles here.

stated that one vessel, the Crane, was sunk, and that four or five are more or less injured. In the statement of the coroner to the jury that official said it was a question of very grave and possibly international importance, but it would be their duty to find who were the murderers of the dead men. After the identification of the body the inquest was adjourned until November 2nd.

SAILED FROM CHERBOURG

Cherbourg, Oct. 24.—Four Russian torpedo boats and a Russian transport sailed this evening. There is no longer any Russian vessels in this port.

DONATION FROM KING

London, Oct. 24.—King Edward has sent to the Mayor of Hull \$1,000 as his donation for the families of the victims of the North Sea tragedy. Premier Balfour has telegraphed the mayor of Hull as follows: "Your telegram received. You may have full confidence in the government's action."

MISSING TRAWLERS SAFE

London, Oct. 24.—The carrier ship Swift arrived at London this evening and reported that all the missing trawlers are safe. The captain of the Swift was on the bridge of his vessel at the time the Russians opened fire. He says four vessels did the shooting. They were only 150 yards distant from the Swift at the time. She was slightly damaged.

A SHIP INJURED

London, Oct. 24.—The steamship Esperanza, which is due to sail from Barry with provisions for the Russian Baltic fleet, was found today to be in a sinking condition. Her hull having been pierced below the waterline. The injury is not explained, but it must have been done today, and it is suggested locally that it is the wanton act of some man employed about the ship in resentment of the North Sea incident.

PREPARING A NOTE

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—(6:32 p. m.)—It was decided during the day to prepare a semi-official note expressing the regret of the Russian government and its willingness to make full reparation so soon as the responsibility is fixed. This step, showing the attitude of the government, will, it is hoped, mollify the British government and public opinion of Great Britain and pave the way for an honorable diplomatic adjustment.

RUSSIANS FEARED JAP

Paris, Oct. 24.—It is explained that the Russian authorities recently were informed that the Japanese spy service was organized particularly at Stockholm for watching the Russian merchant and fisher boats. The passing Russian warships. The Russian officers fully expected attacks and therefore were constantly looking out for floating mines and other destructive agencies. It is also explained that Japanese were detected prowling near the Russian hospital ship Orel at Toulon.

The Russian naval authorities here say the coaling of the second Pacific squadron will occur outside the ports touched at so as to avoid the questions involving neutrality.

A GERMAN VIEW

Berlin, Oct. 24.—"A prodigious blunder," is the German official verdict upon the attack of the Russian second Pacific squadron upon a British fishing fleet off Spurn head early Saturday morning. It is assumed that the Russian government will make reparation immediately after receiving the official report, which will be telegraphed from some French port, probably today. The excitement in Great Britain is regarded here as being fully justified, but the British cabinet, it is believed, will take the view that the deplorable affair was the fault of rash officers. German naval officers refer to the incident as evidence that the Russian squadron is badly officered.

DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT

Lennox, Mass., Oct. 24.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador said today concerning the attack of the Russian squadron upon the British North Sea fishing vessels: "It seems a deplorable accident which, of course, will be explained." Ambassador Durand up to 10 o'clock today had received no official despatches concerning the matter.

NEWS AT WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Official news of the action of the Russian Baltic sea fleet in firing on British fishing vessels reached Washington today in a cablegram to the state department from the American consul at Hull. It predicted the facts as stated in the press despatches and added that great excitement prevailed there.

DIPLOMATS BUSY

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—(6:31 p. m.)—While Ambassador Hasting did not receive any instructions during the day, he called upon Foreign Minister Lansdowne this afternoon, informally, and impressed upon him the extreme gravity of the affair, who expressed horror and regret at the occurrence. Count Lansdowne will see the Emperor tomorrow, there is good reason to believe that His Majesty will personally convey to King Edward not only his regret, if the reports should prove true, but his determination to institute a searching inquiry and fix responsibility. It is rumored that the Emperor personally received Admiral Rojestensky's report by afternoon at Cronstadt, but at 6 o'clock both the admiralty and the foreign office declined the report had not yet reached them.

ANXIETY IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—(6:54 p. m.)—At the foreign office the sinking of the British fishing vessels was deplored. The authorities manifested the greatest anxiety and expressed the hope that the unfortunate affair will be adjusted speedily and amicably. While they believe that some explanation which will throw a new light on the affair will be forthcoming as soon as Admiral Rojestensky can communicate with St. Petersburg, the authorities are unable to believe that the ships fired upon the fishing boats without warning.

The press reports are so startling that M. Sazonoff, the Russian charge d'affaires in London, in the temporary absence of Ambassador Benckendorff, was instructed this afternoon to express to the British government the intense regret and grief with which the reports had been received, and the desire of Russia to voluntarily make full reparation in the event of the Russian squadron being responsible for the unfortunate occurrence involving the loss of human life.

PRESS OPINIONS

The Chronicle says: "The next 24 hours must settle it one way or the other. Only two modes of settlement are possible. Either explanation, apology and generous compensation to the victims' families or an ultimatum." The Standard says: "An explanation should be promptly and sternly demanded." (Continued on Page Three)

Police Guard Embassy

Russian Ambassador Narrowly Escapes an Assault in London.

On Returning Home Is Met By Enraged Populace and Insulted.

Report of Demonstration May Add to Delicacy of the Situation.

London, Oct. 25.—Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, returned to London tonight from celebrating his silver wedding with his wife's relatives in St. Petersburg, and barely escaped assault from a crowd at the Victoria railway station, which followed him almost into the embassy. Fortunately for the issue of peace or war, nothing resulted, yet through the night a special force of police was employed to guard the embassy.

Count Benckendorff has always been regarded in official circles here as a friend of peace, and he was as much opposed as was Count Lansdowne to the Russian-Japanese war. He is almost Anglophile in sentiment. There is no doubt that Count Benckendorff was deeply hurt by tonight's demonstration. After escaping from the hostile crowd that met him at the station, he drove at a gallop to the embassy. Half a dozen rowdies followed, but the pursuers encountered the police that had been hurriedly despatched to guard the embassy.

After singing "Rule Britannia," the disturbers dispersed. No arrests were made, but the police continued to guard the embassy as if it were a British fortress. Such vigilance did they carry out their task that when Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, cousin of the new Russian minister of the interior, and second secretary of the embassy, arrived, he had hard work getting in. Count Benckendorff had telephoned him to come to the embassy to write a long cipher message to St. Petersburg describing tonight's hostile demonstration.

In reply to a request for some statement the Associated Press, the ambassador said he could say nothing, but it was gathered that he had sent a dispatch to St. Petersburg which may add to the existing delicacy of the situation.

Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky said: "The attack on the travelers was obviously either an act of war or a great mistake."

"No sensible man can now think it was an act of war, and, therefore, it was a mistake, and when you have made a mistake all you can do is to apologize and pay for it."

"Neither country concerned wants to go to war with the other. It is annoying to diplomatic relations with Great Britain, but it is quite different from the sinking of the Maine."

"Incidental mistakes, however much they may be deplored, do not create wars between great powers unless those powers have some ulterior reasons for going to war."

"Neither the trawler nor tonight's affair is likely to bring about a clash between the two powers, who have every reason, from a selfish point of view, to preserve peace between themselves."

WAR SUMMARY.

By Associated Press. There has been no resumption of fighting of a general character on the Shalke river. Both the Russians and Japanese are entrenching their positions. The outposts are within 700 yards of each other. Counting European miles separate the main armies. A scarcity of fuel is causing the soldiers great sufferings since the cold weather set in. St. Petersburg has no confirmation that the Japanese are sending reinforcements. They are receiving heavy reinforcements from the Port Arthur army and direct from Japan.

PRINCE AZIZ IN 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—Prince Aziz Hassat, nephew of the Sultan of Turkey and a cousin, by marriage, to the Khedive of Egypt, has arrived here. He has been making a tour of America and is about to sail from here to the Orient.

EMBEZZLER ARRESTED.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 24.—The St. Paul police have arrested Karl Kipp, former cashier of the First National Bank of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., who it is alleged, is wanted at that place on a charge of embezzlement. The amount involved is said to be \$12,000.

CRUISER IS FAST.

Latest Addition to United States Navy Makes Good Time.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 24.—The armored cruiser Colorado, built for the United States navy by William Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, today on her official trial covered eighty-eight nautical miles in three hours 55 minutes and 7 seconds. She maintained an average of 22.6 knots per hour. It is thought that the tide corrections may increase her average. The highest speed developed was 23.3 knots, and this was maintained for six and one-sixteenth miles on the homeward run.

MURDERER CONFESSES.

New York Man After Three Months' Silence Tells of Crime.

New York, Oct. 24.—After being in jail for over three months Charles J. Johnson is said to have confessed to the murder of Henry Vanbuskirk in Brooklyn.

Vanbuskirk was found dead in the junk shop of George W. Abbott, an aged miser. Abbott's body was found near that of Vanbuskirk, he, too, having been slain.

In the confession, Johnson, who is under indictment in connection with the murder, is said to have declared that Oscar Dahlgrun killed Abbott, and that three other men are implicated. It is expected that several arrests will be made. Both Johnson and Dahlgrun were arrested the day the double tragedy was discovered. When questioned by detectives they accused each other of having committed the crime.



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## News Notes of The Dominion

**Russian Consul at Montreal Expresses Regret—Mr. Blair's Resignation Stands**

**Former Vancouver Minister to go to Montreal—Sydney Workers Quit.**

Montreal, Oct. 24.—M. Desroche, Russian consul at Montreal, this morning said: "I know nothing of this regrettable affair beyond what I have seen in the newspapers."

"My personal opinion is that the attack on the fishing fleet by the Russian boats was a deplorable mistake and one which unfortunately happened to any country at such a period as this."

"It is, of course, possible that the Russian commander had received some intimation that Japanese ships were knocking around and saw the trawlers and mistaking them for an enemy, opened fire."

"I am firmly convinced that Russia will tender a full and ample apology for the said mistake and will make all the compensation that is due to the unfortunate victims."

"I do not for one moment suppose that the incident will be the nucleus of any international rupture between England and Russia, but beyond that and being, as I have said, without any official information, I cannot say more."

**BLAIR RESIGNATION STANDS.**

A report was in circulation today that Mr. Blair had withdrawn his resignation. On being asked as to the truth of the report, Mr. Blair telegraphed from Ottawa: "I have just been interviewed by a newspaper concerning the report current in Montreal saying I have withdrawn my resignation, but the statement is untrue. (Signed) 'ANDREW G. BLAIR.'"

**NOMINATIONS.**

The following nominations have been made: London, Ont.—W. Gray, Conservative, in place of Dr. Montague; Kings, Ont.—J. W. Ryan, Conservative, in place of J. W. Ryan; Gloucester, N. B.—T. Blanchard, Conservative, in place of M. A. Landry; Perce, Que.—Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, solicitor general, Liberal, and Auguste Beaudry, Conservative.

**BURNED TO DEATH.**

Belleville, Oct. 24.—Willie Jones, ten years old, was burned to death in his father's barn near Deloraines. He is supposed to have been playing with matches.

**FIRE IN MORRISBURG.**

Morrisburg, Oct. 24.—The block occupied by R. H. Bradford, cigar dealer, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000.

**A FATAL HAIR DRYING.**

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Catherine Hess, living at 45 Gould street, was burned to death Saturday night. She was drying her hair over a coal-oil heater when the hair became ignited.

By a vote of almost three to one the citizens of Toronto Saturday voted in favor of the city purchasing the stock of the Consumers' Gas Company.

Galt, Oct. 24.—The Rev. E. S. Scott, formerly of Vancouver, has received an invitation to Dominion Square Methodist church, Montreal, for next year.

**MR. HYMAN NOMINATED.**

London, Oct. 24.—London Liberals last night nominated Hon. C. S. Hyman, acting minister of public works as their candidate.

**MACHINISTS QUIT WORK.**

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 24.—The entire night shift in the machine shops of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company quit work last night because the company persisted in employing unskilled labor to operate machines which required skilled labor. Some twenty men are out.

**DISASTROUS FIRE.**

Rosthern, N. W. T., Oct. 24.—A disastrous fire visited Lague, a village north of here, this afternoon. The fire started in the Leland hotel, which was totally destroyed, some of the inmates having to jump from the windows. The flames quickly spread and destroyed almost every business place in town. Among the losers are: Leland hotel, Henry Fisher, proprietor, total loss, \$20,000; Canadian Territories Corporation, implement agency, \$3,000; L. P. Friesen, hardware, \$1,000; T. E. Hoff, general merchandise, \$3,000; John Kohler, general merchant, \$2,000; Henry Bonn, livery stable, \$1,500; Mr. Fisher, proprietor of the hotel, lost \$20,000 in cash and all his books. He has \$5,000 insurance and the others were fairly well insured.

**KUROPATKIN MAY MOVE.**

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25. (2:30 a. m.)—There is no news of immediate importance from the Far East tonight. The indications are that both sides are heavily entrenched, though it is believed that General Kuropatkin will be ready for a forward march at an early moment unless heavy Japanese reinforcements compel him to remain on the defensive.

Reports that Japanese reinforcements are arriving, taken in connection with the enforced inactivity of the Russian forces on account of the weather, are felt to be a grave factor in the situation. There is reason to believe that the Japanese are drawing heavily upon the Port Arthur army in the hope of having a numerical superiority that will enable Field Marshal Oyama to deliver a crushing blow upon General Kuropatkin when hostilities are resumed.

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## Emperor Nicholas Greatly Aggrieved

**News of the Horrible Blunder Reached Czar While Inspecting Cruiser.**

**The Report Arouses Universal Expressions of Sincerest Regret.**

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—(Midnight.)—No official or unofficial explanation of the unfortunate affair off the Dogger bank is forthcoming up to this time, and the world must wait until tomorrow to hear Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's version of the firing upon the British fishermen.

Rojestvensky has communicated direct to the Emperor, but at 11:30 o'clock tonight the admiralty announced that it had not yet received a report. At the same hour the foreign office issued a statement expressing the regrets of the government for the deplorable incident, but explaining that no formal action is possible until Admiral Rojestvensky's official report of the affair has been received.

While no formal action has been taken, the deepest regret is expressed in all quarters and the purpose of the government to make amends, if Rojestvensky shall be found at fault, has been proclaimed in every government department. Emperor Nicholas himself was greatly aggrieved when he heard the news while he was inspecting the cruiser Oleg at Cronstadt this afternoon, and Foreign Minister Lamsdorff expressed to Ambassador Hardinge his deepest personal regrets.

The Russian embassy at London has also been directed to convey similar expressions to the government of Great Britain. It is felt that this is all that can possibly be done pending the receipt of Admiral Rojestvensky's statement.

That a horrible blunder has been committed and a disaster everywhere, and nowhere has an attempt been made

## FRUIT PACKING.

Demonstration to be Given Before Metcosh Farmers' Institute.

A supplementary meeting of the Metcosh Farmers' Institute is appointed to take place at the public hall, Metcosh, on Wednesday next, when demonstrations in fruit packing will be given at 1:30 in the afternoon by Mr. W. C. Grant; and in the evening at 7:30 by Mr. E. A. Bryden on the fruit question generally.

In view of the prominence that this question has lately assumed and the consequent renewed interest awakened it is expected that there will be a large attendance of local people to witness the latest methods of fruit packing, which Mr. Grant is well qualified to illustrate. Regulation sized boxes in the knock-down shape will be provided, so that the fruit can be packed in a regular manner, the boxes together, grading and packing fruit of any size so as to fit the box to packing it up ready for shipment.

All interested in fruit raising are cordially invited to attend.

## NEW DIVORCE CANON IS AGREED TO

**Episcopal General Conference Reaches a Decision on the Subject.**

Boston, Oct. 24.—With only two days in which to dispose of a large amount of business, the Episcopal general conference resumed its sessions today. Two amendments tacked to the compromise divorce canon of the house of deputies by the bishops on Saturday were laid before the deputies and it was anticipated that an agreement would be reached without further changes of moment. The amendment was as follows: "No minister shall, after investigation, solemnize the marriage of any person who is the husband or the wife of any other person then living from whom he or she has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage. But

## ONTARIO MACHINE GOING TO PIECES

**Provincial Secretary Stratton Throws Up the Sponge and Hon. Mr. Gibson Will Follow Suit.**

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Provincial Secretary Stratton has not yet handed in his resignation to the executive of the West Peterborough Liberal Association, although it is understood that his resignation as minister of the crown is already in the hands of Premier Ross. Mr. Stratton was at his office in the Parliament building Saturday, but declined to be interviewed. He sent out word that he had nothing to say regarding the situation.

Hon. J. M. Gibson wished to have it stated positively to his friends that within a few months he would be out of the Ontario cabinet. As previously pointed out, Mr. Gibson, however, is understood to have consented to remain in the legislature as a private member.

to justify the firing upon innocent fishermen. It is felt that Rojestvensky is too good a man and officer to be summarily condemned. It is agreed that he is entitled to a hearing, but even the admiralty admit that it is at a friendly feeling toward Great Britain. The Standard declares that such a foolish demonstration is not worth talking about.

Regret is expressed that there should have been any demonstration against Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, who personally is credited with the most friendly feeling toward Great Britain. The Standard declares that such a foolish demonstration is not worth talking about.

The Daily News claims to have obtained the following statement from Count Benckendorff: "I am ill with the fatigue of a long journey and am very friendly feeling toward Great Britain. The Standard declares that such a foolish demonstration is not worth talking about."

**HUGE ARMIES ONLY FOUR MILES APART**

**Russians Take Precautions to Entrench as They Move Forward.**

Mukden, Oct. 24.—(via Peking)—The Russian forces on the left crossed the Shikhe river October 21st and are now pushing forward toward the Japanese positions, entrenching as they advance. At the same time Russian batteries are bombarding the Japanese, who can be seen engaged in the making of trenches. This plan of the Russians to entrench as they advance was adopted because it was found in the last big battle it was impossible to advance without some protection in the face of the Japanese fire. The Russian and Japanese armies are now separated by less than four miles and the whole field operations of both armies can be plainly seen. The question of fuel is becoming a serious one. The greater part of the Chinese corn has already been used for fuel and for fodder, while most of the houses in the Chinese villages have been destroyed and used for fuel.

**BURNED AT THE ALTAR.**

Opelousas, La., Oct. 24.—While engaged at prayer in the Catholic church here, Mrs. Donald Gully, aged 100 years, has been burned to death in a horrible manner. She was bowing before the altar, near which a number of candles were burning. Her devotions concluded, she rose to leave the church when her dress caught fire from the candles and in an instant she was ablaze. A few worshippers who were in the church, attracted by the agonized cries of the centenarian, ran to her assistance, but too late. She died in agony a few minutes after removal from the church.

**SNOWING AT HARBIN.**

Harbin, Oct. 24.—A number of Japanese prisoners have been brought to this place. The Japanese are fortifying the village of Lamutin. It is reported that the Russians have buried 700 Japanese who were killed on Lone Tree hill. It is snowing today.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one case that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical profession. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that cannot be cured. Send list of testimonials.

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## News Of Winnipeg And Vicinity

**Peripatetic Bankers Relieved of Cash Box by Bold Highway-Men.**

**A Hunter's Tragic Death—Fatally Gored by a Savage Bull.**

Winnipeg, Oct. 24.—The Bank of Hamilton clerks were robbed of \$2,000 in cash today in going from Plum Coulee, to Winkler village. The bank is kept open on alternate days at these villages, and the bankers were returning from Plum Coulee with the day's proceeds when two armed masked men appeared from a clump of bushes, and ordered "hands up." The cashbox was demanded and after securing it and taking out the valuables the men escaped in a southerly direction. The police and detectives are on their track.

John Gowan, a prominent resident of Westbourne, was found shot dead in his team launch in the river near the village with his seven-year-old child beside him crying bitterly. The gun had been discharged accidentally and killed the man while the child drifted in the boat helplessly. A widow and eight children survive.

John Wincal was probably fatally gored by a bull on his farm at Portage Creek near Portage in Prairie, and his wife was seriously injured. He was passing through the enclosure when the animal became vicious and attacked him. He was rescued by a neighbor, who shot the animal. The bull was in the meantime had attempted to rescue her husband, striking the bull with a spade.

While tightening a brake on a box car Augustus Dupont, an employee at one of the elevators at Port William, Sunday, was thrown to the track and two carwheels passed over his body killing him instantly. Although a very young man he was well known in Port William, having lived there since boyhood.

James Seely, a prominent Mormon sheep raiser in Southern Alberta, is on trial at Lethbridge charged with stealing 1,200 sheep belonging to B. Grose. It is claimed the missing flock strayed into Seely's land, but the latter claims he bought them from Grose, another sheepman. He was let out on bail until Friday.

Dr. William Rostern Sask lost his house and stables, grain and horses by fire today; loss \$7,000.

The opening of the new Main street subway to the Canadian Pacific trains took place Saturday evening amid tooting of whistles, red fire and the cheers of the workmen. The cost was \$150,000, and it is a beautiful piece of work.

During September 2,020 homesteads were taken up, being an area of 324,000 acres.

Charles Watts, an engineer for Severeston's threshing outfit at Carberry last night, was killed by the cylinder head which blew out today.

**CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY AIDS NATURE.**

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, soothes the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions, and adds nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. It is famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized world. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all Druggists.

**MARRIED.**

HOOD PRIOR—On Thursday, the 20th inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C., by Venerable Archdeacon Scribner, The Hon. Francis George Hood, fourth son of Viscount Hood, of Mayfair, London, England, to Helen Kendall Monney, eldest daughter of Lt.-Col. E. G. Prior, of Victoria, B. C.

**DIED.**

BEADNELL—On the 17th inst., at Dunsmuir, Vancouver Island, Constance Adelaide, the dearly loved child of Captain Henry Hugh Moynr Beadnell, 2nd Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Mrs. Beadnell; aged four and a half months.

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Norton Prinz, Esq., Principal 20th Century Business Training Co., Ltd., City: Dear Sir: Referring to your communication regarding my opinion of the 20th Century Shortland, I must say that after studying for six weeks I am perfectly satisfied with the result obtained, and as I have tried other systems I am in a position to say that the result could not have been reached through any other channel than the 20th Century.

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## The City Fathers In Weekly Session

### A Number of Bylaws Pass Their Final Stages - Others Deferred.

### Report of Committee on the Old Men's Home Condemn the building.

The weekly meeting of the City Council was held last night, with Mayor Barnard presiding, and a full attendance of aldermen. The chief business transacted was the report from the special committee appointed to deal with the Old Men's Home, which is admittedly a most unsuitable domicile for the aged and infirm; also several other bylaws which have been standing on the notice paper.

A letter was read from Lt.-Col. English stating that he had been authorized by Major-General Parsons to offer the city nine muzzle-loading guns, mounted on carriages, which might be used for ornamental purposes.

The report was accepted with thanks. A resolution was forwarded by the secretary of the Board of Trade adopted by that body, asking that the Dominion government be requested to send an experienced engineer to report on the best means of improving the docking facilities of Victoria harbor, and the probable cost of same. The council were now asked to hold the board in having their request complied with.

Police commissioners asked for another horse for the patrol wagon in place of the one that had died, which request was granted.

Mr. W. H. Jones complained of the condition of Poplar avenue. Referred to city engineer.

H. A. Ross wrote complaining of the condition of Kingston street.

It was agreed to refer the communication to the special committee once more. Some correspondence was read from J. Warner, complaining that he had been deprived of his house as a plaintiff, because certain work not done by him did not pass inspection.

After some discussion the correspondence was referred to the Streets, Bridges and Sewerage committee, a temporary permit to be granted.

W. Ridgway Wilson, architect, wrote on behalf of Mr. Hart asking that two electric light poles be removed from St. Charles street, and other changes made which interfered with the site.

Referred to city engineer.

Mrs. J. Macdonald and a long letter before the council asking to have her taxes remitted, owing to a series of misfortunes. The Mayor explained that the lady had enlisted in the military service, and it was suggested that the property in question be omitted from the sale list this year. There were three years' taxes due.

The Mayor's suggestion was adopted. A complaint from Mr. Bent, blacksmith, Government street, was referred to the city engineer, with power to act.

On motion of Ald. Vincent it was decided to prevent the depositing of garbage on James Bay flats.

On motion of Ald. Stewart it was decided to increase the amount voted for charitable purposes by \$250.

The Mayor explained that this was necessary owing to the recent fire, which cost the city \$500 in relieving the sufferers.

The recommendation was adopted in favor of a plank sidewalk on Turner street between Work and John streets, at a cost of \$33.

The recommendation was adopted in favor of the excellent nature of the program.

A resolution was passed that the Provincial Secretary that Ald. L. Goodacre had been appointed a police commissioner in room of Ald. Graham.

The committee recommended payments amounting to \$81,237.

The committee appointed to acquire information with a view to acquiring a new site and premises for home for aged and infirm men, reported as follows:

That at the beginning of the year there were nineteen inmates in the present home, and the cost of maintenance for the year 1903 was \$3,367.75.

Your committee, in entering upon their duties, and after consideration of the matter, realized that the cost of the present home was a very heavy burden on the city.

The committee therefore wrote to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary inquiring if the government were prepared to admit these nineteen men to the Provincial Home, under the provisions of the above act.

To this letter a reply was received stating that the Provincial Home was supporting 83 inmates, and that there were several other applications for admission on file.

The cost per man per day at the Victoria Home for 1903 was \$4.18 cents, and at the Kamloops home 39½ cents.

It is, therefore, a fact that the committee believes it to be essential that some should be on the line of the sewerage system, and if possible, on the line of the water mains.

It is also a fact that a fair amount of ground should be set aside for garden purposes, etc. Several sites have been offered to your committee, some with buildings and some without.

One of the sites offered was a large tract of land, situated on the line of the sewerage system, and the buildings would require a considerable expenditure to make them suitable. It is, therefore, a fact that a fair amount of ground should be set aside for garden purposes, etc.

Your committee would recommend submitting a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars, to be used for the purpose of erecting a new building specially designed for the purpose.

One believes that a considerable reduction in the annual cost of running the home would undoubtedly be possible in a new building, modern in all its appointments.

The committee has still under consideration the suitability of several sites which have recently come to their notice. The most serious question at present is being estimated that site and building would cost somewhere between ten and twelve thousand dollars, and as no provision has been made in the city finances for this year, the money needed must be obtained by loan.

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## Britain Angered At Astounding Outrage

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ed for the intolerable outrage. The Russian government should be informed that it is expected to recall its ill-starred squadron, first, in order that proper investigation may be held, and second to keep it out of harm's way for the future.

Inquiries at Devonport last night showed that no special naval movement had been reported, and that Admiral Seymour had no official news of the outrage.

Admiral Fremantle, in the course of an interview, said he was unable to believe that it could have been the Baltic fleet which fired on the Hull fishermen, but if so, he added, nothing but the most complete apology would be satisfactory.

Sir Frederick Pollock, an authority on international law, said: "If the facts are as stated, it is an act of war. It leaves no alternative or an apology within 48 hours or so. It will probably be found, however, that some Russian commander lost his head, suspecting Japanese designs, and that he will be cashiered and an apology ordered."

It is marked that but for an eleven hour alteration of arrangements for Queen Alexandra's departure from Copenhagen, the royal yacht which arrived home with the Queen yesterday night would have been in the neighborhood of the Russian fleet when the trawlers were fired upon.

"A MONSIEUR KING"

London, Oct. 24.—Sir Henry King, member of parliament for the central division of Hull, went to the foreign office today to assist in the representation of his constituents, among whom the most ardent feelings have been aroused by the Russian attack on the British fishing fleet. "This is a most monstrous thing," said Sir Henry after he had been with his constituents in the foreign office.

For six hours the Russians left a ship to sink the British fishing fleet, and it is no possible excuse for the attack. The trawlers saw the squadron before midnight, coming on in three lines, and at their lights showing. The British fleet was composed of 18 trawlers, 12 of which were carrying fish, and 6 of which were carrying mail. When they had passed a signal was sent from the leading ship to the rest of the fleet, whereupon two lines were formed, and the trawlers were ordered to turn starboard and without the slightest warning, a broadside was fired. The squadron then steamed off, leaving a ship to watch the results of the operations.

On returning to the foreign office from the country today, Lord Lansdowne conferred with Sir Henry King, a member of parliament for Hull, and subsequently addressed a strong protest to the Russian government.

Lord Lansdowne expressed his belief in government circles that the Russian government was playing a double game, and that it was not going to the assistance of the fishermen. Lord Lansdowne asks that redress shall be made, and is believed in government circles that the Russian government was playing a double game, and that it was not going to the assistance of the fishermen.

Lord Lansdowne is expected to instruct Ambassador Hardinge late this afternoon. No instructions have been received at the Russian embassy here and no communications are expected until Ambassador Hardinge has made his representations at St. Petersburg. The Russian ambassador here, Count Benckendorff, will not be in the city until midnight, hence he cannot see Lord Lansdowne until Tuesday, when, it is expected, Foreign Minister Lansdowne will have transmitted his instructions.

Beyond making apologies, however, it was expected that the Russian government would not be able to give until the squadron was heard from. Steps are on foot to get a communication to the Russian government, and it is expected that no explanation could be given until the squadron was heard from. Steps are on foot to get a communication to the Russian government, and it is expected that no explanation could be given until the squadron was heard from.

Rejoice, but some days may elapse before the Russian government could be brought to St. Petersburg, and the time only deep regret could be expressed.

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tated bodies of her skipper and mate have been brought to Hull. The bodies were found on board a Russian ship. The only slightly injured member of the crew has arrived at Hull. The steam trawler, the "Mino," was fired on by the Russian fleet. The "Mino" was lost with all hands. According to other reports the affair occurred 200 miles off the coast of the British Isles. The "Mino" was a British trawler, and was carrying a cargo of fish. The Russian fleet was composed of 18 trawlers, 12 of which were carrying fish, and 6 of which were carrying mail. When they had passed a signal was sent from the leading ship to the rest of the fleet, whereupon two lines were formed, and the trawlers were ordered to turn starboard and without the slightest warning, a broadside was fired. The squadron then steamed off, leaving a ship to watch the results of the operations.

The news has created an intense sensation in Hull. The Mounie arrived with her flag at half-mast. Her skipper states that the trawlers were fishing about 220 miles east of north of Spurn Head at 1 o'clock Saturday morning. No trawler was lost with all hands. According to other reports the affair occurred 200 miles off the coast of the British Isles. The "Mino" was a British trawler, and was carrying a cargo of fish. The Russian fleet was composed of 18 trawlers, 12 of which were carrying fish, and 6 of which were carrying mail. When they had passed a signal was sent from the leading ship to the rest of the fleet, whereupon two lines were formed, and the trawlers were ordered to turn starboard and without the slightest warning, a broadside was fired. The squadron then steamed off, leaving a ship to watch the results of the operations.

On returning to the foreign office from the country today, Lord Lansdowne conferred with Sir Henry King, a member of parliament for Hull, and subsequently addressed a strong protest to the Russian government.

Lord Lansdowne expressed his belief in government circles that the Russian government was playing a double game, and that it was not going to the assistance of the fishermen. Lord Lansdowne asks that redress shall be made, and is believed in government circles that the Russian government was playing a double game, and that it was not going to the assistance of the fishermen.

Lord Lansdowne is expected to instruct Ambassador Hardinge late this afternoon. No instructions have been received at the Russian embassy here and no communications are expected until Ambassador Hardinge has made his representations at St. Petersburg. The Russian ambassador here, Count Benckendorff, will not be in the city until midnight, hence he cannot see Lord Lansdowne until Tuesday, when, it is expected, Foreign Minister Lansdowne will have transmitted his instructions.







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## Heartily For Colonel Prior

Large Number of Electors Applaud Conservative Candidate in Cramer's Hall.

Col. Prior Discovers the Reason of Sen. Templeman's Objection to Better Terms.

A most successful meeting was held in Cramer's hall, Ross bay, last night in the interests of the Liberal-Conservative candidate, Colonel E. G. Prior. There was a large attendance of resident voters and the speeches were listened to with close attention and the speakers were heartily applauded. There is no doubt that this portion of the electorate will give Colonel Prior a thumping majority in the approaching election. Mr. J. Douglas presided.

The chairman, after thanking those present for attending, said that he was glad to see so many of the Liberal-Conservative party in the hall. He said that the party had chosen Colonel Prior as standard-bearer in Victoria. Colonel Prior had been in the city for the position and he hoped that Ross bay would give him a big majority. He then called upon Mr. Otway.

Mr. Otway said that this was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to address a political meeting. He felt proud, however, to find himself in that position. (Hear, hear.) He had good reasons for supporting Colonel Prior and the party of which he was a member. He believed that the Conservatives would be returned to power and he was pleased to say that Mr. Borden's policy was not to destroy the Grand Trunk Pacific undertaking, but to go one further and one better than the Liberals. Instead of building the great railway for a private corporation, it was Mr. Borden's policy to build it for the people. He drew a parallel to this policy in that of the Conservatives in the Old Country who improved upon the late Mr. Gladstone's scheme for the secret ballot, and established the present system, by which a man was enabled to vote as his conscience directed. He referred to the great policy of opening up the interior of Canada which had been pursued by Sir John A. Macdonald by the construction of the C. P. R. The Liberals had opposed that work, and yet now they were prepared to build a mate for it. In the opinion of the speaker, the election already was conceded. (Hear, hear.) And they all hoped that he would go to Ottawa as a supporter of a Borden government. (Applause.)

Mr. W. J. Bolden, the next speaker, said that the Conservatives had voted a good majority for Colonel Prior. (Hear, hear.) When Sir Wilfrid Laurier had come to British Columbia he had come as the champion of free trade as they have it in England. That policy, however, had never been carried out. It simply was advocated by Sir Wilfrid because Canada was not prosperous and people were ready to grasp at any theory that might improve conditions. Of course, that policy would not have done any good and the Liberals had never dared to inaugurate it. He instanced the injuries effects of free trade upon the iron industry of England, which has languished under the iron trade of American and other countries has prospered under protection. The Americans had legislated against the importation of labor and Canadian workmen had been arrested in the United States and sent back to the United States and sent back to the United States. A cry had gone up from this country for retaliation and the Liberals had passed a law against the importation of alien labor. But that law never was enforced. He said that the bridge had been built in Victoria but why build it? American workmen! And no action had been taken. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Mulock recently had stated that to enforce the law would be to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. In other words the law was made simply as a sop to the people and with no intention of carrying out its provisions.

Mr. Bolden then referred to the work done in the immigration department by Mr. Sir John A. Macdonald. This man, by his work in England, had been instrumental in bringing out number of English mechanics and laborers, who did not understand local conditions and who had really assisted certain Winnipeg capitalists to fight their men. In other words, Mr. Preston under instructions from Mr. Clifford Sir John, had imported labor to spoil the chances of the men who were trying to improve their condition. (Hear, hear.) Some of the men sent out by Preston to Fernie during the strike there had returned to England and taken legal proceedings against Mr. Preston. He had that on the authority of the English newspapers. He referred briefly to the standing of Ralph Smith and the commission had been secured from the Dominion government to enquire into the cause of labor disputes in the province during the strike in the coal mines. The commission had been appointed, not to settle the disputes, but to enquire into their causes. The chief justice had been one of the commissioners and a political parson—a class of gentleman that never was any use—had been another of the commissioners. Fanny, a parson like Mr. Rowe being appointed on such a commission! (Laughter.) That commission was entirely of a partisan political type, and had no sympathy with the working man anywhere. The report had simply denounced the men and had said that they were traitors to their country. If the recommendations of that Liberal commission had been carried out

trades unionism would have been destroyed in the country.

Mr. Otway—What did Mr. Rowe get for his services?

Mr. Bolden—I think it was \$35 a day. (Laughter.)

Mr. Otway—Was he also paid as parson of his church at the same time?

Mr. Bolden—I expect so. (Renewed laughter.)

Continuing, Mr. Bolden mentioned the commission appointed by the provincial government under Colonel Prior. That commission had consisted partly of mine owners and partly of miners, and the work of the commission, which had cost very much less than Mr. Ralph Smith's, and which had done good work, treated the miners justly and had settled the dispute. Mr. Bolden concluded by saying that, as a working man, he felt bound to vote for the Conservatives, and he would vote for them, and oppose the Liberals, who had promised a great deal and performed nothing.

The chairman then gave a very clever imitation of Stratton, the "negro" comedian, and of S. J. Henry Irving. Mr. Bolden next entertained the audience with "The Belle of Brimston."

Colonel Prior, who was received with hearty applause, said it gave him much pleasure to find himself once again in Cramer's hall. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to see so many of the Liberal-Conservative party present—men who had laid the foundations of the prosperity of the province, and also some of the younger generation, who, he felt sure, would carry on the good work of the older men. He had been rather amused when Mr. Bolden had said that Ross bay had always gone Conservative, because the local Liberal organ had alleged, on one of the several occasions when he had been returned to the office of the poll in Victoria, that his majority had been derived from the cemetery—in other words, that he had been elected by the votes of outsiders assuming the names of people who were dead, but there never had been any necessity for such a proceeding as that to elect a Conservative in Victoria. (Hear, hear.) The Liberals were trying to argue that, as their party would be returned to power, they would not care to build a Conservative, but there never was a weaker argument advanced. This was not a bye-election and the Liberals had no right to assume success. The Conservatives expected to win out, and the result lay in the hands of the voters. Certainly it could not be summed up by Mr. Riley's local committee. There was good reason to believe that the country was tired of the Liberals and that Mr. Borden would be returned to power. The Liberal party had no office under false pretences, for while they had preached free trade to the country they had secretly promised the manufacturers protection. He believed that this time the Conservative policy would win out, and it was the duty of all Conservatives, and right-minded Liberals also, to vote on this occasion for the Conservative party and the Conservative candidate. (Hear, hear.)

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Borden and the political favoritisms extended to inefficient officers. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had referred to Lord Dufferin as a "foreigner" and had afterwards corrected himself and said he meant "stranger," but he (Colonel Prior) held that no man who came to Canada from any of the British Isles was either a stranger or a foreigner. (Cheers.)

In conclusion Colonel Prior asked the electors to consider whether Mr. Riley, who had never yet addressed the House of Commons, and who practically had done little or nothing for Victoria or British Columbia, was the best man to represent them there. He said that "Riley got there just the same," but while Mr. Riley might be capable of button-holing ministers in the corridors, his efforts had had no tangible results. Senator Templeman was actually a member of the cabinet, and what had he done? (Laughter.) Senator Templeman had flouted the people of the province and was condemned out of his own mouth by the report printed in his own paper of a speech he had made in A. O. U. hall, where he declared that the Liberal government would not give fair terms to British Columbia, so that the money could be "squandered" by the Liberal government. But Mr. Templeman either did not know what he was talking about or he should be ashamed of himself. What he meant to imply was that so long as the province had a Conservative government he would not care to build a Conservative, but there never was a weaker argument advanced. This was not a bye-election and the Liberals had no right to assume success. The Conservatives expected to win out, and the result lay in the hands of the voters. Certainly it could not be summed up by Mr. Riley's local committee. There was good reason to believe that the country was tired of the Liberals and that Mr. Borden would be returned to power. The Liberal party had no office under false pretences, for while they had preached free trade to the country they had secretly promised the manufacturers protection. He believed that this time the Conservative policy would win out, and it was the duty of all Conservatives, and right-minded Liberals also, to vote on this occasion for the Conservative party and the Conservative candidate. (Hear, hear.)

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From "Frisco"—At midnight last night it was reported that the steamer Queen, from San Francisco would arrive at the outer wharf at 6 o'clock this morning, she having then passed Tatooish.

No. 5 Company, Fifth Regiment, C. A.—The quarterly meeting of this company will be held in the Drill hall tonight at 8 p. m. Every member is requested to attend. The meeting will start on time and there is a lot of business to transact. Refreshments will be served during the meeting and a "smoker" will finish up the evening. Everything will be in readiness and a good time is ensured.

S. O. E. Official—James Aldridge, of Toronto, supreme past president of the Sons of England, who is on an official visit to the Pacific coast, will visit Victoria tomorrow concluding an itinerary covering every section of the Dominion from Prince Edward Island on the Atlantic to Vancouver Island, on the Pacific, during which lodges having a total membership of 18,000 have been visited.

Bell in Position—The Chinese bell taken from a position in China at the time of the Boxer outrages and presented to the city a couple of years ago by the kindness of Lieut. Macdonald, son of Senator Macdonald, has been mounted at Beacon Hill park, at a point just south of the Burns monument. It is a strange relic from the land of a strange people and will prove a source of interest to all visitors to the park.

A Rich Strike—Mr. H. Cecil, manager of the Victoria Island Exploration Company, arrived in town yesterday with some beautiful samples of ore from a newly found 20-inch ledge in the Victoria mine. He had the ore assayed, and the certificate showed 18.59 copper, 298 ounces silver and 0.02 in gold. The strike was made while cross-cutting at a depth of 100 feet, and shows every indication of widening out. This is a most important strike, and goes to show that in the granite formation on this island, as elsewhere, big values may be looked for at depth.

London Wanderers—The third annual general meeting of the London Wanderers was held last evening at the Vernon hotel, Mr. H. F. Langton in the chair. A large number of members were present, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. F. Langton; vice-president, T. M. Lancaster; treasurer, Joseph Buckley; hon. secretary, J. A. Williams; committee, Dr. C. N. Cobbett, Thomas Dearborn, Charles Holmes, A. W. Mosher, E. A. Tison. A large number of resolutions were presented and the secretary reported that tickets for the annual dinner to be held on Lord Mayor's day, November 9th, at the Vernon hotel, going off well, great interest being shown in the event, which promises to be a most successful evening. Tickets can be obtained at Mr. H. L. Salmon's store, or at the Army and Navy Clothing store, 117 Government street.

Mourners Rejoice—Ex-Mayor McLennan, of Dawson, is in town. He arrived on Saturday, his mission being to break the sad news of his brother's death (supposedly) to his mother, who resides in Victoria. He had read a telegram in the Colonist that on the 16th inst., the steamer Kelvin, bound from New York to Buenos Ayres was reported as sighted off New York harbor abandoned. As his brother is captain of the Kelvin a cablegram was sent to England and a reply received that at headquarters they had no definite news as to the whereabouts of the steamer. Giving up all hopes as to the safety of the craft, Mr. McLennan came to Victoria to break the sad news to his mother, and he fulfilled his mission. While they were sorrowfully sitting down to lunch on Sunday a cablegram was received telling of the safe arrival of the steamer at her destination, all well.

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WILL BALTIC FLEET GET THERE? At last the departure of the Russian Baltic fleet for the Far East is officially announced. Seven battleships and five cruisers, with a complement of destroyers and torpedo boats, have left Cronstadt, the principal Russian naval base, where colliers and auxiliaries are to join, the armada, consisting in all of 40 vessels, will make what haste it can for Pacific waters. At least such is the declaration of the Russian Admiralty. The signal departed from the Cronstadt forts as the fleet moved down the Gulf of Finland was "Good luck to the Baltic fleet on its long voyage."

On paper this fleet is a most formidable one. Of the battleships four—the Kaiser, Suvorov, Alexander Nevsky, and Borodino, and the Orel—are new sister ships, each 337 feet long, of 13,516 tons, of 18 knots speed and armed with four 12-inch and twelve 6-inch guns. The Geshmynin, a sister vessel to the ill-fated Suvorov, is 312 feet long, 11,000 tons, 16 knots, and carries four 10-inch and ten 6-inch guns. The Sissoi Veliky, launched in 1894, is 348 feet long, 8,880 tons, and carries four 12-inch and six 6-inch guns. The Novik, an old vessel reconstructed, was laid down in 1889, is 338 feet long, of 9,476 tons, and carries four 12-inch and eight 6-inch guns. Of the cruisers the Nakhimoff, 8,400 tons, and the Donskoi, 5800 tons, are armoured. The Oleg, 6420 tons, a sister vessel to the Diana and the Palada, is a commerce destroyer, 200 tons, of the same size as the Novik, knocked to pieces off the Sakhalin Islands.

This fleet, in armor and weight of gun-fire, is theoretically equal—perhaps a little superior—to the entire Japanese navy, which includes but five battleships. If it can accomplish its journey of 10,000 miles and arrive in condition for action there will be a naval engagement whose result will probably be determinative of the war. Japan will either destroy the last ounce of effective Russian naval reserve or else will lose command of the sea, and with it the ability properly to maintain her army in Manchuria.

But will the new Russian fleet ever arrive? asks the New York Globe. Has it seriously started? British naval experts answer no to both questions. With no naval station enroute, the coaling difficulty is deemed insurmountable, and it is surmised the vessels would arrive foul and cold, with no port open for refitting. Vladivostok will be ice-bound in less than sixty days, and Port Arthur in Japanese possession. Thus the notion that the Russian fleet, if it really means the fleet to go out, is scouted. The most that is seen in the present movement is an experimental cruise to determine whether coaling in the open sea is feasible.

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## NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in four several Indentures of Mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale, by public auction, by A. M. Beattie, Licensed Auctioneer, at his Auction Rooms, No. 167 Cordova Street, in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, on Friday, the 18th day of November, A. D. 1904, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the following property:

(a) Lots 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Block 4 and Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block 14, all in District Lot 540, Group 1, N. W. 14, according to plan No. 229, on which the site of the English Bay Cannery, consisting of main Cannery, 3 storeys, 100x190 feet, with shop, filling room, char-broiler, three saws, 200 feet of sawing, 50 test kettles, 400 coolers, 1,250 trays, 37 Columbia River boats with sails and rigging, 3 scows, and a quantity of tools and other machinery to complete the outfit a Cannery, together with a blacksmith's shop complete.

(b) That part of section 4, block 3, north range west, New Westminster District, Province of British Columbia, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said section 4 at a meeting of the boundary lines of said section 4 and of sections 3, 9 and 10 adjoining, thence north five degrees eighteen minutes west along the east boundary line of said section 4 a distance of 201 feet 8 inches, thence west parallel with the south boundary line of said section 4 a distance of 642 feet 2 1/2 inches, thence south 89 degrees 50 minutes to a point on the south boundary line of said section 4, 660 feet from the said southeast corner of said section 4, thence along the said south boundary line of said section 4 to the point of commencement, containing 3 acres more or less, on which is situate a number of industrial buildings in connection with the Scottish-Canadian Cannery.

(c) Lots 1 and 2 in Block 16 in that part of the Township of Steveston lying and being in section 3, range 7 west, block 16, north range west, New Westminster District, and that portion of said block 16 described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 2 in said block 16, thence north along the easterly boundary of said lot 2 to the north-west corner of said lot 2, thence westerly 40 feet more or less, following a production of the northern boundary line of Lot 2 to a point where such line intersects the westerly boundary line of section 3, range 7 west, block 3 north, in the said New Westminster District, thence south along the easterly boundary line of said section 3 to the southwest corner of that portion of said block 16 lying and being in said section 3, thence in an easterly direction along the easterly boundary of said block 16 to the place of beginning, 20 feet distant.

(d) Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, in Block 1, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.







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